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BORDER PATROL AGENTS ERADICATE MARIJUANA PLANTS VALUED AT \$268,450.00

Temecula, California: Border Patrol Agents working in De Luz Canyon near Temecula, California on September 5, 2000, located four marijuana fields.

Agents assigned to the Temecula Border Patrol Station were patrolling the Santa Margarita Preserve area in search of possible undocumented migrants attempting to circumvent the I-15 checkpoint when they discovered what appeared to be marijuana plants growing in four fields. Agents contacted the Riverside County Special Investigations Unit and assisted them in the removal of 767 marijuana plants valued at \$268,450.00. No arrests were made.